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CIO Offers Program For Full Employment

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The CIO said today that "there is no indication that a return to full employment is in sight."

The CIO's Economic Outlook, a monthly publication, cited consumer spending as "the key to economic developments in 1955." It suggested an 11-point program "to strengthen the economy's mass consumption base and provide the necessary basis for attaining full employment."

The points are:

1. Gains in wages and working conditions and the adoption of guaranteed annual wage plans.
2. A tax policy designed to strengthen consumer buying power.
3. Construction of 2,000,000 new housing units a year.
4. Improved social security.
5. A national health program.
6. An improved unemployment compensation system.
7. An increase in the federal legal minimum wage to \$1.25 an hour.
8. Improved agricultural support programs.
9. Government aid to small business.
10. Special government assistance for chronically-distressed areas.
11. Expanded government aid for public services.

Noting the "moderate pick-up" in employment last fall, the CIO magazine said, "The recent upturn in total production is largely concentrated in the auto and auto-related industries."

"But this moderate improvement can be sustained and expanded in 1955 only if consumer spending rises substantially," the CIO said. "With Government expenditures scheduled to slip further and business investment expected to continue to decline, consumer spending is the key to economic developments in 1955."

The magazine noted as "one source of strength" non-government spending for new construction, chiefly housing. It said such expenditures are estimated at \$25,500,000,000 this year and may rise to \$27,400,000,000 next year. "With no real strength in sight

in other parts of the economy, except construction," the CIO said, "significant increases in consumer spending are required to lift the level of economic activity toward full employment."

It said full employment can be reached only by creating 800,000 new job opportunities a year. It said employment has failed to rise since August, 1954, and non-farm and manufacturing employment in November was considerably below the corresponding months of 1952 and 1953.

Despite a need for increased consumer spending, the CIO said, the buying power of low and middle income groups has failed to rise and the average buying power of factory workers is "actually below the pre-downturn peaks of 1953, largely as the result of reduced work weeks."

The union publication called for business, labor, agriculture and the Government to adopt policies "directed toward expanding consumer buying power and spending in 1955 to lift the national economy to full production and full employment."

Roadblock Traps 2 After Bank Robbery

FLOWOOD, Miss., Dec. 29.—Two bandits robbed a branch bank of \$32,000 today, and police arrested two suspects with the stolen money in their possession less than three hours later.

The state highway patrol arrested the suspects at a road block about 50 miles southeast of here.

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Daily Worker Foreign Department

Opponents of German rearmament yesterday struck out against United States interference and pressure as the French National Assembly prepared to vote on the Government's ratification bill.

U. S. and British pressure was backed by intervention of the predominantly Catholic Christian Democratic Party of Italy, and according to reports, by the Vatican itself. Vatican sources denied a London Daily Mail report that the Papal Nuncio to Paris, Msgr. Paul Marella, and French cardinals re-

liament consent for the creation of a new Wehrmacht."

Polyanov listed these means as "unceremonious blackmailing of France by threats from Washington and London, tricky parliamentary combinations, flagrant pressure against the deputies, and false sounding speeches from the rostrum of the National Assembly."

"American and British pressure against France has taken such crude forms that even those French politicians who usually do not conceal their sympathies for Washington were put in an embarrassing position," he said.

CITE U.S.

In the Assembly, two of the main speakers against German rearmament singled out U.S. interference for attack. Rightist deputy Gen. Adolphe Aumeran declared: "Are we going to let a country inexperienced in foreign policy show the way to France? Would not Germany, even under the sponsorship of the United States, remain dangerous?" He charged that "the United States so far has taken us only on dangerous adventures. It causes us trouble in Indo-China and North Africa."

Then the Assembly's most respected member, 82-year-old Edouard Herriot, called for rejection of German rearmament. Leaning forward on his bench, Herriot spoke directly to Premier Pierre

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BULLETIN!

PARIS, Dec. 29.—The French National Assembly postponed the crucial confidence vote on German rearmament tonight until 5 P. M. tomorrow (11 A. M. EST).

ceived instructions to press the Catholic Popular Republican Party deputies to vote for German rearmament. However, the Vatican said French clerics are free to make any recommendations they think fit. These Vatican sources made it clear, however, that they favor the London-Paris accords for a new Nazi Army.

The pressure from the United States and Britain for ratification was so conspicuous, however, that even the Soviet press commented on it. N. Polyanov, political commentator of Pravda, declared that "there will hardly be found any means in the political arsenal of the aggressive forces not employed to wrest from the French Par-

20 ENGLISH CLERICS SEND AMNESTY PLEA TO PRESIDENT

Twenty English ministers and preachers of various denominations have sent the following Christmas appeal to President Eisenhower in behalf of the men and women imprisoned or convicted under the Smith Act:

"The country over which you have the honor to preside endeared itself to liberty-loving people all over the world on July 4, 1776, when its Congress declared: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal: that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights: that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness . . . that whenever any form of government becomes destructive

of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it.'

"The right of the people to alter or abolish systems of government is as fundamental to human liberty as it is to human progress, and it is as much the right of a community to express their views publicly in criticism of the conduct of the State as it is of the majority of the community, if it thinks right, to overrule them."

"But it is precisely this right which seems to be taken away from individuals in the U. S. A. today by the operation of the Smith Act."

"Your address, Mr. President, to the Assembly of the World Council

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Good News from Illinois

Illinois readers have hit the \$2,000 mark in the Daily Worker \$60,000 fund campaign, to become the fourth midwest area to reach its goal.

The funds itself, with some \$600 received yesterday, is still more than \$8,000 short, and New Year's only a few days away. Let's step up the pace and get the job done!

The Minnesota-Dakotas area, Wisconsin and Missouri beat the Illinois supporters to the finish line. Michigan and Ohio are a hair's-breadth behind, each with less than \$35 to go to complete. Indians have less than \$50 to go to reach their mark.

The Minnesota group is now close to 150 percent of its original target of \$750.

The East, however, is lagging. Philadelphia's Freedom of the Press Committee came through yesterday with \$126 which, together with a

couple of individual contributions, brings them to \$1,550, out of a goal of \$2,000.

Jerseyites and readers in the Maryland-D. C. area, who in the past have been up front, are considerably behind this year. The Jerseyites still have \$800 to go out of a goal of \$2,000; and the Maryland-DC readers have raised some \$760 out of a goal of \$1,200.

Connecticut and New England readers are getting close to their targets; while the New Yorkers, who have borne the brunt of the campaign, still have some \$6,500 to go.

With a mighty push these past few days, we can put the campaign over and meet some vital financial needs of the paper at the year's end.

Received yesterday ---- \$601.60
Total to date ---- \$51,651.75
Still to go ---- \$8,348.25

Rush contributions to P.O. Box 136, Cooper Station, New York City 3, N. Y.; or bring to 35 E. 12th St., 8th floor.

ROB F. HALL TO COVER CONGRESS

Rob. F. Hall will begin the Daily Worker's on the spot coverage of the 84th Congress on Wednesday.

Ask your newsdealer to save a copy of the Daily Worker every day for the best Washington coverage of any paper.



Public Power Groups Flay Dixon-Yates

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The American Public Power Association (APPA) and Citizens for TVA, Inc., today denounced the proposed Dixon-Yates power contract as a threat to public power systems. They asked the Securities & Exchange Commission not to approve it.

APPA said the project has many similarities to utility company practices which led 20 years ago to passage of a law regulating private utility holding companies.

Citizens for TVA said the public interest "requires maintenance of the Tennessee Valley Authority power system as it is, uncorrupted by the introduction of energy from sources not under the system's control."

The views of the two public power groups and two other anti-Dixon-Yates statements were made public by the SEC today. They become part of the voluminous record which the commission must consider in deciding whether to approve financing of the controversial plan.

Still to come are briefs from lawyers who took opposing sides in the commission's recent 12-day public hearings and from the SEC's own neutral lawyer. The legal briefs are due in mid-January. The commission's decision is expected a few weeks later.

AMNESTY

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cil of Churches, resounded around the world. "We know," you said, "that only the spirit and mind of man, dedicated to justice and right, can in the long term enable us to live in the confident tranquility that should be every man's heritage."

"It is in the name of justice and right, and beyond that, in the name of mercy, that as the feast of Christmas approaches, we appeal to you, Mr. President, to release from prison the 14 people imprisoned under the Smith Act for the propagation of their sincerely held political opinions, and to exercise your power to remove the threat of imprisonment which hangs over 66 other persons for the same reason. It is our firm belief, Sir, that in so doing, you would secure the support and friendship of freedom-loving people all over the world."

SIGNERS

Signers of the appeal are:

- A. C. Barkway, Rector of Coatbridge.
- A. D. Belden, Methodist Minister.
- C. Chambers, Vicar of Carbrooke.
- E. Charles, Vicar of Arlesey.
- H. Cuthbertson, Vicar of Tilly.
- S. Evans, licensed preacher.
- W. M. Feast, Rector of Booton.
- R. St. J. Fisher, Vicar of Dearham.
- O. F. Forrest, Rector of Fort William.
- L. Griffiths, Vicar of St. Phillips, Norwich.
- C. K. Henderson, Rector of Fort William.
- T. E. Nicholas, Congregational Minister.
- G. Peet, Methodist Minister.
- J. Putterill, Vicar of Thaxted.
- H. Sharp, minister.
- A. Stewart, Baptist minister.
- W. Bryn Thomas, Vicar of Ascension, Balham Hill.
- G. Rhys Thomas, Congregational minister.
- E. Watts, Vicar of Mucking.
- R. Mercer Wilson, Rector of St. George, Queens Square.

FRANCE

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Mendes-France.

"At the present moment, you can negotiate with the East," said Herriot. "You are free. Tomorrow, you will first have to get the agreement of Germany."

Herriot demanded respect for the Franco-Soviet 1944 treaty of friendship and mutual assistance.

"It is this last thought I give you," he concluded. "I have told what troubles my conscience and disturbs my rest."

In their intervention in the French situation, the Italian Christian Democrats sent party leader Amintore Fanfani from Rome to Paris to put pressure on the Catholic Popular Republican deputies. The theory of their last-minute move—which coincided oddly with U. S. Ambassador Clare Booth Luce's interview with Premier Scelba shortly before her departure for the U. S.—was that the Popular Republicans with their bloc of 85 votes could be decisive in voting for ratification of the Nazi Wehrmacht treaties.

However, it was emphasized by observers that even if Mendes-France wins, his margin is expected to be so narrow that France will be marked as an unwilling partner to the pro-Wehrmacht alliance.

Foreign diplomatic observers in Paris as well as officials of the West German government have begun to take a second look at the struggle in France, and to discount the prospect of France's cooperation in the projected anti-Soviet alliance. Observers noted that in his speeches to the National Assembly, Mendes-France has spoken far more of his hope for negotiation with the Soviet Union than of the alleged "Soviet menace."

Press reports pointed out that Mendes-France, although the only premier who could possibly have won Assembly approval for agreements to make a rearmament German ally, was nevertheless unable to win even a majority of the 627-vote Assembly in support of his bills.

In Bonn, the Social Democratic Party let it be known that it would continue the struggle against rearmament even if the French Assembly passes the accords. Many officials and government coalition members, however, believe that any approval of the accords by France under duress will be of little value in future.

Oregon Building Laborers Hike Pay

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—(FP)—A 6 cents an hour pay raise for 4,000 building laborers in Oregon will go into effect Jan. 1, under a three-year agreement signed by the International AFL Hod Carriers Building & Common Laborers.

Smith Act Children At New Haven Party

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 29.—The children of the seven Connecticut Smith Act defendants, represented their fathers in a candle-lighting ceremony, at a Chanukah-Christmas Party here. Mrs. Regina Lewis, and her two children, Lewis and Bella, were guests of honor.

8 Splitters in Peabody Leather Local Ousted

Abe Feinglass, president of the International Fur and Leather Workers, acting swiftly to block a secession movement and a CIO raid against the large leather local in Peabody, Mass., suspended eight of the local's officials for dual unionism and splitting action, it was announced yesterday.

Feinglass named Isadore Pickman, secretary-treasurer of the IFLWU's leather division, as business agent and manager of Local 21 and Leslie Bagnall president and George Georges vice president. Those ousted included Richard B. O'Keefe, the business agent who appeared at the recent CIO convention wearing a delegate's badge and who announced he was taking the local's 3,000 members and most of the New England district out of the IFLWU.

Also removed, in addition to the officers, were three of the six executive board members of the local and a member of the New England District board.

The O'Keefe group had scheduled a membership meeting for Jan. 6 to blitz through a vote for disaffiliation and to switch to the CIO. In taking action, Feinglass noted that O'Keefe took dual union steps by appearing at the CIO with a regular delegate badge and that his group was attempting to by-pass a constitutional provision that requires a 60-day period and a vote of the membership on disaffiliation.

The O'Keefe group is further charged with violating the decisions of the New England district that agreed no steps of any kind would be taken regarding mergers to split the leather workers or without consideration before the New England board. It is further pointed out that O'Keefe's split was initiated at the very moment that the IFLWU was negotiating a merger with the AFL's Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen that would bring a further unification of the leather workers, including some 7,000 in the leather division of the Amalgamated.

Despite the wide publicity given to O'Keefe's claims that he would lead the entire New England district, out of the IFLWU, not another local joined in the secession move, and within Local 21 there is a strong movement against O'Keefe. Many of the local's members have signed petitions denouncing the splitting action.

Godfrey Drops Producer, Who Wonders Why

Arthur Godfrey and Larry Puck, his producer, disagreed sharply yesterday on why Puck has been dropped as producer of the Wednesday night television show.

"Puck asked to be dropped for reasons of health," a spokesman from Godfrey's office said, after it was reported that the dismissal resulted from Puck's romance with Marion Marlow, singing star in Godfrey's cast.

"Damned if I know," Puck said, when asked why he'd been dropped. "Look at me. Do I look sick? I look pretty good, don't I?"

Puck readily confirmed the report that he was engaged to Miss Marlow. She is wearing a large diamond ring which he gave her, but she has not announced her engagement formally.

Puck said he first learned of the change late Tuesday after he returned from a month's vacation in Bermuda and Florida.

Supervision of Union Welfare Funds Proposed

State supervision of union welfare funds was recommended yesterday by Superintendent of Insurance Alfred J. Bohlinger on the claims it will wipe out fraud, thefts, kick-backs, and other such abuses.

The recommendation was sent to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in a 205-page report by Adelbert C. Straub Jr., deputy superintendent, as a result of the state investigation.

Bohlinger recommended:

1. Registration with the Insurance Department of all welfare plans.
2. Filing of annual statements of the funds.
3. Periodic examination of every plan.
4. Submission of an annual financial report to employers and employees.
5. Delineation of the fiduciary responsibilities of trustees.

Bohlinger also recommended a code of fair practices to correct abuses in the payment by insurance companies of commissions, fees and allowances on group business.

He also proposed that no welfare fund officials, employees and their families be permitted to collect such fees for giving business to the insurance companies.

COMING!

Issues Facing New York City's School System

A series of articles by Max Gordon

TOMORROW in the Daily Worker School Witchhunt; The Informer

THIS WEEKEND in the Worker Dewey's Last-Gasp Move to Scuttle Federal Aid

STARTING MONDAY in the Daily Worker The School Problem Facing Harriman and the Legislature

Scientists Hit 'Loyalty' Firings

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—An organization of 40,000 scientists and engineers charged today that it is unconstitutional for the government to fire an employee for disloyalty without allowing him to confront his accusers. Engineers and Scientists of America filed a brief urging the U. S. Supreme Court to uphold a Yale University professor who appealed his dismissal from the U. S. Public Health Service. A Loyalty Board had found "reasonable doubt" as to his loyalty.

Dr. John P. Peters, senior Yale professor of medicine, said he was fired because of "unsworn, second-hand statements to the FBI." He said he was not allowed to cross-examine witnesses or make rebuttal to statement of informants.

The Supreme Court soon will schedule arguments on the case.

Engineers and Scientists of America is a federation of 13 labor unions representing professional and technical employees in many "defense" plants.

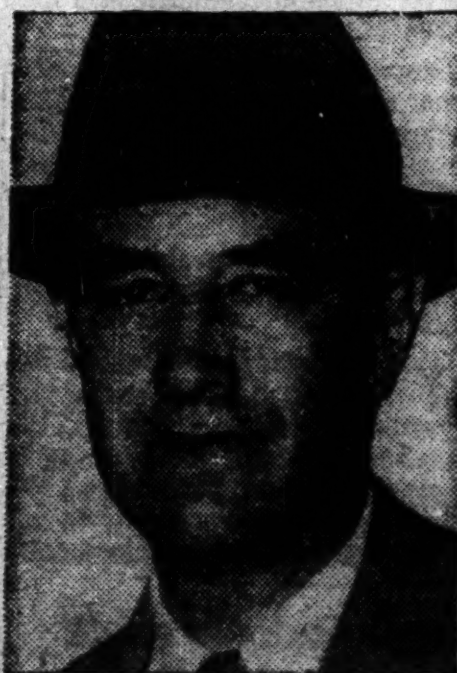
GOP to Oppose Harriman Welfare Budget Program

New York State Republican leaders have announced, following a policy session in Albany, that they will oppose any program presented by Gov. Averell Harriman to the coming state legislative session which will cost the state more money.

The state legislature begins its 1955 session with the Governor's message next Wednesday. The Republicans are firmly in control of both houses, though with reduced majorities from the previous year. The Senate division is 34 Republicans and 24 Democrats. In the Assembly, it is 90 to 60 in favor of the GOP.

To carry out some of his campaign promises, Harriman will have to jack up expenditures for social purposes. He can do this partly by increased borrowing, but he must also jack up taxes.

GOP chairman L. Judson Morhouse at first indicated the GOP majority would seek to block all new taxes, thereby killing off any increases in social spending. He modified this later to say the GOP majority would not be "inflexible" or more.



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on the subject, but would agree to taxes needed to meet "mandatory" spending increases.

These mandatory increases, which arise out of increased school attendance, automatic wage rises, etc., amount to some \$40,000,000 or more.

On top of these, Harriman is committed to larger appropriations for education, child care centers and other public needs. He is going to have to find new monies out of taxation.

Chief sources of state funds are the income tax, corporate tax, gas, cigarette, utility, racing and liquor taxes. The GOP has indicated it will bar any further increases in the income tax. It has not yet said anything about corporate taxes, which have not been raised in many years.

Harriman has not yet indicated his position on increased taxes and spending. The first hint of his position may come with his annual message. He does not have to spell out his program until he releases the budget on or before.

It is obvious, however, that if he responds to the will of the mass of New Yorkers, especially those who elected him, he will have a major battle on his hands to put his program through the legislature. He will have to appeal directly to the people, as he has promised to do.

Asia-Africa Nations to Meet in April

PLEA TO MENDES-FRANCE SENT BY CANADIAN VETS

TORONTO, Dec. 29.—Over 350 Canadian war veterans have signed an appeal to French Premier Mendes-France asking him "to lay aside the plan for a new German army and to seek instead the peaceful settlement of the German question through negotiations."

The appeal was cabled on the eve of the scheduled vote, on the German army in the French Assembly. It was signed by veterans of two wars of all service branches in Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Windsor, Winnipeg and Vancouver, and declares:

"We have enlisted during two wars to defend France and Canada—many of our comrades lie buried on French soil.

"We do not wish to have to come a third time, nor to have our sons come, to liberate French soil from German militarism—if, indeed, any of us survive the first shock of atomic warfare.

"Bitter experience teaches us not to trust the peaceful promises of German militarism. . . . The London-Paris pacts represent the most serious threat to the security of France and Canada and to the peace of the world.

"We therefore appeal to you, confident that we represent the sentiments of a million Canadian veterans, to lay aside the plan for a new German army and to seek instead the peaceful settlement of the German question through negotiations.

"We speak boldly because in the shadow of the H-bomb we cannot afford to take risks, calculated or uncalculated, and because we believe that you are not afraid to think twice."

DEADLOCK CONTINUES IN DOCK CONTRACT TALKS

By HARRY RAYMOND

The International Longshoremen's Association and the New York Shipping Association were still stalemated at a late hour yesterday after two days of negotiations for a two-year union contract for 25,000 New York longshoremen.

Hiring proposals of the shippers appeared to be the chief barrier.

The 160 members of the Shipping Association met early in the afternoon to discuss the union's position. Shortly after 4 p.m. the 100-member ILA wage-scale committee went into session with a conference committee of the shippers.

The two groups met all Tuesday afternoon and night in Shipping Association headquarters, 80 Broad St. This meeting broke up at 3 a.m. yesterday.

Federal mediators John A. Burke, and Harry Winning and Thomas Dougherty were on hand as the union and shippers' committee met.

"We have taken every step to bring about the kind of agreement that will provide peace and stability in the port," said a spokesman for the employers.

"There is no assurance that they have," declared Patrick J. Connolly, ILA executive vice president and chairman of the union wage-scale committee, as he entered the conference room.

Capt. William V. Bradley, ILA president, said the wage-scale committee was ready to approve a no-strike provision in the contract if the shippers would grant concessions on employment practices.

REPORT ONE OFFER

A report came from the conference room that the employers had agreed to rewrite the employment practice provisions.

A contract negotiated on Thanksgiving

giving day was voted down by the ILA membership because it contained a clause banning strikes for two years. The union committee was reported to have agreed to accept the no-strike provision on the basis of a revised four-point grievance machinery plan.

This plan calls for pier-side settlement of disputes by union-employer labor relations committees, with arbitration being the final step when action of the committees fail to settle the dispute.

No contract, however, can be binding without a vote of approval by the ILA membership in a referendum.

Both the union's and shippers' committees have agreed to:

1. A 17-cent hourly wage and welfare increase.
2. The union shop.
3. A vacation pay provision for dockers who work more than 650 hours.

Both sides announced that if necessary negotiations will be continued today.

556 Dockers to Be Tried in Turkey for Staging a Strike

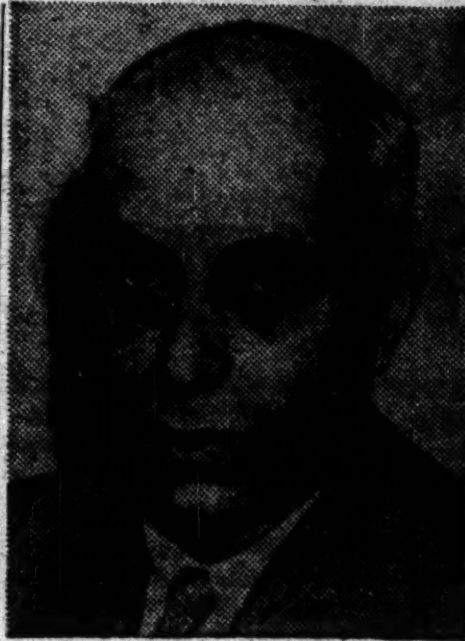
The Turkish government will place 556 dock workers on trial at Izmir (Smyrna) on charges that they staged a strike. Strikes or any other stoppages are outlawed in Turkey.

The leaders of the strike face up to 32 months in prison, and the rank and file participants face six months and fines of 100 liras.

The New York Times, in a dispatch yesterday out of Ankara, disclosed that Abdullah Zobu, president of the Izmir Longshoremen's Union, and two others of the leaders, are among those on trial for leading the four-day walkout last July 16 to 20, involving about 700 longshoremen. The strike was over wage increases and steadier work and in opposition to a subcontracting practice in the hiring of the men.

Others among those indicted and now out on bail are the president of the Izmir Federation of Labor. The accused deny that a strike was called but say the workers failed to show up for work because the contract under which they worked expired.

The walkout was quickly suppressed when the government brought in troops. The govern-



NEHRU

Refuse to Cut Cuevas Arbona Smith Act Bail

Eugene Cuevas Arbona, 34, slated for trial on Smith Act charges in Puerto Rico, still is held under bonds of \$30,000 in the West Street House of Detention, although his counsel had agreed last Dec. 2 for him to be taken back to the Island without objection.

Attorney Reuben Terris told Federal Judge Gregory F. Noonan Wednesday that if Cuevas' bond was lowered to \$5,000, Cuevas would return at once to Puerto Rico. Held under excessive bail and waiting in vain for the government to return him as agreed, Cuevas is kept from preparing his case, Terris said.

Judge Noonan said Cuevas should have been removed long since, but refused to lower the bail. Assistant U. S. Attorney George Bailey said his youth and single state might make him more prone to jump bond.

Bailey also told the court the reason Cuevas hadn't been escorted to Puerto Rico earlier was that the government had run out of money for marshals.

PEOPLE'S CHINA INCLUDED, CHIANG'S FORMOSA BARRED

BOGOR, Indonesia, Dec. 29.—The leaders of five Asiatic nations announced today they will invite 25 other nations, including People's China and Japan, to attend an African-Asian conference next April.

The communique was issued at the wind-up of a two-day conference on Asiatic problems held here by Premiers Ali Sastroamidjojo of Indonesia, Jawaharlal Nehru of India, Mohammed Ali of Pakistan, Sir John Kotelawala of Ceylon and U Nu of Burma.

The following countries were listed as those which will be invited to the forthcoming 30-nation conference:

Afghanistan, Cambodia, the Central African Federation, People's China, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gold Coast, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Nepal, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Turkey, North Viet Nam, South Viet Nam and Yemen.

The Central African Federation consists of North and South Rhodesia and Nuyasaland.

"The conference will work for world peace, economic and social development of Africa and Asia and tackle such special problems as colonialism, racialism and national sovereignty," the communique said.

Chiang Kai-shek's Formosa regime, Israel, South Africa, South Korea, North Korea and Nigeria were omitted from the invitation list.

7 Reported Killed

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Dec. 29.—An Air Force C-119 flying boxcar, flying in rough weather with 11 men aboard, crashed into a mountain near here today, and officers said seven persons were killed.

SOBELL WELCOMES CHANCE TO SEE HIS CHILDREN

"It was good to learn that I will be permitted to see the children, finally," Morton Sobell wrote from Alcatraz to his mother, Rose Sobell recently.

Earlier this week, Mrs. Helen Sobell, wife of the engineer who was given a 30-year sentence in the Rosenberg espionage frame-up, revealed that for the first time Alcatraz prison authorities have lifted the ban on visits from children under 16 years old.

Date of the proposed visit of the wife and Mark, 5-year-old son of Helen and Morton Sobell, and Sydney, 15-year-old daughter of Mrs. Sobell by a former marriage, was not revealed.

A month after their visit he will receive a visit from his mother.

Continuing in his letter to speak of the children's expected visit, Morton Sobell admitted he thought of it with mixed feelings.

"And yet it makes me sad—to think of peering through a small bullet-proof window at them," he wrote. "Mark will be puzzled by the bars, and will want to know why I cannot hold him, or kiss him. The last time I saw him he was yet too small to think of asking why. Syd at least can understand."

He wrote, "Of all the nights

Tenants Rap Whitewash by Senate Probers

The Senate Banking and Currency subcommittee's recent report on its investigation of the Federal Housing Agency's scandals was branded as "a complete whitewash" by a tenants' group in Queens yesterday.

In a wire to Sen. Homer Capehart (R-Ind.), released here, the Clearview Community Council, Inc., told Capehart, who headed the investigation, "Your committee spent its time making headlines investigating builders under Section 608, when you well knew that the statute of limitations had expired for them."

The council, speaking on behalf of 1,700 families residing in Clearview Gardens, a cooperative project in Whitestone, Queens, took issue with the senate group for ignoring builders of coops.

"You and your committee," the tenant shareholders said, "failed to make public the injustices suffered by middle income families living in these cooperatives."

"You did not even recommend changes in this law which permits builders of these cooperatives to dupe shareholders. . . ."

The wire pointed out that increases in carrying charges had made the middle-income cooperatives "prohibitively high."

in the year, Christmas eve is the most difficult, even to the most hardened."

He told his mother that it wasn't true that nothing changed in Alcatraz. "I recently moved into a 'new' cell, newly painted, and a little closer to the windows, so that it is lighter than in the daytime-progress!"

He spoke of his limited news source, saying he found the U. S. News the most satisfying, and explained: "It makes no attempt at subterfuge. Of course it sometimes turns one's stomach to read it, viz., on desegregation." With his magazine on electronics, he added, "I manage not to fall too far behind the times in my field. However, reading without creating is not too satisfactory, and unfortunately I never could create too much on paper. I always needed a lab."

He inquired if his mother were coming by plane or train, spoke of his concern over his father, who has been in failing health since the son's conviction, and added:

"Goodnight, Mother, and I can't urge you too much not to worry. Whatever happens, we'll live through it, and emerge. Give all our friends my regards." He ended the letter, "All my love, Morty."

Steel Output Trend Favors Socialist World

Socialist countries "spearheaded by Russia," boosted their steel production 7.7 percent this year but capitalist world output fell 9 percent, Iron Age reported yesterday.

The publication estimated the Socialist area cut the west's production advantage from 4-to-1 to 3-to-1 in 1954.

U. S. production dropped 20.8 percent while Soviet output rose 7.4 percent this year, Iron Age said. American steel mills "turned out 88,300,000 tons while Russia produced 44,900,000 tons, it said.

POINT of ORDER!

By ALAN MAX

1954

Time magazine names John Foster Dulles the Man of the Year. Don't blame the year for the man.

Victories Hearten Fighters Against Witchhunt in Miami

Special to the Daily Worker

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 29.—In the last six weeks the resistance against the Brautigam-McCarthy witch-hunt has made some headway. There are no illusions that the struggle is letting up, but the victories scored give new stimulus to the anti-fascist, anti-McCarthyite fight here.

Among the victories are the following:

1—The Senate Supreme Court decision of Nov. 19 upholding the right of State Attorney George Brautigam's victims to use the Fifth Amendment. The public campaign explaining the Fifth Amendment was a major contribution to this result.

2—Brautigam's temporary removal to Escambia County. The acting governor ordered an exchange of State Attorneys between Escambia and Dade (Miami) counties for one month to get a more competent official to come into Dade County for an effective investigation into a murder in Miami that had remained unsolved and unpunished by Brautigam for two years.

Brautigam's neglect and inefficiency in following up criminal cases was especially glaring in the Pinder murder case. All his zeal was concentrated on the fake "anti-subversive drive." (Some of Brautigam's aides have continued to issue subpoenas in his absence, but the State Supreme Court decision makes it impossible for them to railroad people to jail for using the Fifth Amendment.)

3—Brautigam's right to issue subpoenas indiscriminately has been challenged by a popular educational director of a Jewish Community Center, and a cantor from another Jewish community center. This fight-back action has aroused a supporting storm of protest against Brautigam which continues



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even though the court has dismissed their suit.

4—The New York jury decision on the perjury charge against M. L. Edwards. This decision is a real blow against the credibility of stoolpigeon evidence in this and other cases.

Attack and counter-attack have followed each other in quick succession here.

The day after the Supreme Court decision, delivery of Velde Committee subpoenas began in Miami.

Fanfare

The Velde committee's arrival in Miami on Nov. 29 had been preceded by the advance fanfare usually reserved for the annual circus. Coupled with radio spot

announcements on WIOD (Miami Daily News Station) urging people not to miss the full and complete proceedings, there were "dope" stories in the press advising that Brautigam's victims, now freed by the court, would be called on to testify. Thus the witch-hunt fever was maintained at high pitch.

It was obvious that one of the chief aims of the Velde inquisition was to bolster Brautigam's hand, by producing stoolpigeons whose testimony would incriminate the defendants who had used the Fifth Amendment before Brautigam. No corruption was too low for them. They brought in the former wife of a defendant to testify to seeing his "Party card." From the testimony it was obvious she had been broken by the threat of depriving her daughter and son-in-law of their jobs.

Disreputable Crew

Velde brought along as disreputable a crew of stoolies as ever was seen. Among these was Ed Waller, fresh from his performance at the Edwards trial in New York. He reeled off 34 names of former alleged associates. His "proof" was in almost all cases that he had seen these people in "Communist" meetings, and strangely enough, practically every meeting mentioned was held in a union hall. But even this belly-crawler could not be gotten to say that the people he named had anything to do with force and violence in word or deed.

Another stoolie was a certain Tamargo, formerly a cigar worker in Tampa. His big contribution was the claim that the Communist Party tries to recruit people who know how to shoot and rob. The Tampa Tribune (Dec. 2) published Tamargo's police record, which runs the gamut from drunkenness (Continued on Page 6)

Hashmall Protests Denial of Attorney at Smith Act Hearing

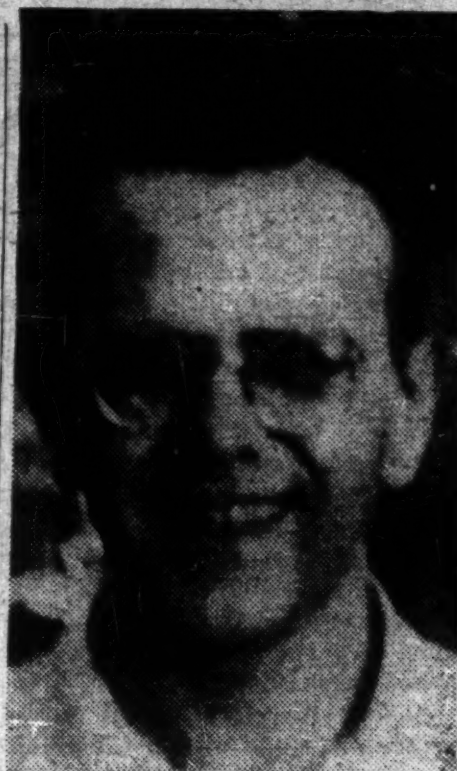
CLEVELAND, Dec. 29.—Frank Hashmall, appearing recently before Judge McNamee in Federal Court for arraignment on charges of violating the Smith Act, was brought from the Ohio State Penitentiary, where he is serving a five-year sentence on a minor motor vehicle registration technicality.

Served with a bulky indictment a few minutes before he appeared in court, Hashmall informed the court that he was in no position to enter a plea, and asked for an opportunity to obtain an attorney. The judge thereupon entered a plea of "not guilty" for him. Hashmall was immediately taken back to the State Penitentiary in Columbus.

Hashmall asked Judge McNamee to sever him from the forthcoming trial of the 11 Ohioans indicted under the Smith Act. He told the court: "This will no doubt be a trial where I will be called upon to defend my political beliefs and convictions. It will require a great deal of preparation. It will be necessary for me to raise funds. I will need the opportunity to consult with my friends, my fellow defendants, and to obtain counsel of my own choosing."

"I have now been confined in the State Penitentiary for 19 months on a frame-up for registering my own car under another name. Under these circumstances I am unable to adequately prepare my defense."

Hashmall questioned the legal-



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ity of the arraignment proceedings where he had no opportunity to acquaint himself with the charges against him. He insisted on his right to obtain counsel to be present at his arraignment.

The Ohio Bill of Rights Conference urges letters to Governor Lausche, Columbus, Ohio, requesting Hashmall's release. Greetings may be sent to Hashmall, No. 94602, Box 511, Columbus 15, Ohio.

PROGRESS REPORTED IN CANCER VIRUS RESEARCH

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 29.—Dr. Joseph W. Beard, professor of experimental surgery at Duke University, today told the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science that recent discoveries throw new light on the study of viruses as producers of blood cancer in humans and animals. He said a research team had purified a true cancer virus which causes a disease closely resembling human leukemia.

The researchers, he said, "proved conclusively" that this virus has enzyme activity which undoubtedly

plays a major part in producing cancer.

The new discoveries he added, "will be useful in similar studies and with other animal viruses and on possible viral agents responsible for human cancer."

Dr. Farrington Daniels, chairman of the University of Wisconsin's chemistry department, told the group the world rapidly is using up its basic fossil fuels—coal, petroleum and gas—and said harnessing the sun's energy and atomic power were the most hopeful alternatives.

China Tightens Rules Against Illegal Arrests

PEKING, Dec. 29. — Chinese newspapers have published new regulations extending guarantees against arrest without warrant and unauthorized search.

The regulations, reported by the New China News Agency, provide that no person can be arrested until a warrant has been produced and the reasons for his arrest explained.

Exceptions are when a person is discovered "making preparations to commit a crime, in the act of perpetrating a crime, or apprehended immediately after the commission of a crime."

The news agency said that a warrant must now be obtained to search anyone's person, belongings or residence, or any other place suspected of being connected with a crime.

The regulations stipulate that anyone arrested may be detained for not more than 24 hours without notifying the appropriate people's procurate (a committee of three procurators).

Cyprus Fight for Independence Spurred by Resistance to War Moves

By ARTHUR CLEGG

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The demonstrations in Cyprus have been caused by the refusal of the United Nations to uphold the island's right to self-determination. But behind them lies the opposition of the islanders to plans to turn Cyprus into the main base of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in the Eastern Mediterranean.

British Middle East headquarters are now set up in the island, having been brought from the Canal Zone of Egypt. No one in Cyprus was consulted at all before that move took place.

The headquarters and the troops and air force units involved in it were simply forced on the island.

Cypriots, with their long record of struggle for freedom, see all these moves as directed to put off for ever their demand for Enosis—Union with Greece.

The island, about half the size of Wales, lies off the coast of Turkey. Its population is almost entirely Greek, though there is a small Turkish minority.

In 1931 because of the demand of the people for union with Greece the island's legislative assembly was abolished and since then it has been ruled dictatorially by the governor.

But always the demand for



Archbishop of Cyprus said—the British government decided to hit at the people.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Henry Hopkinson, Minister of State, Colonial Office, announced that "there was no question of any change of sovereignty in Cyprus—in other words, all schemes other than British rule were barred."

"As a figleaf to this declaration of war on the demand for Enosis, it was proposed to set up a new, but impotent, legislative council in the island, largely packed with the nominees of the governor."

There was an immediate outcry, with mass demonstrations and mass protests in the churches.

The Working People's Party offered a united front with the Greek Orthodox Church, and a common campaign has continued.

Just as the new demonstrations have been met with new repression, so these protests last August were met with increased repression.

All demands for Enosis were declared illegal and so was all criticism of the policy of the governor.

Individuals could be sentenced to imprisonment up to five years for such "seditious activities" and newspapers suppressed for three years if they printed such articles.

In answer to this repression the Cyprus, later supported by the Greek Government, turned to the United Nations for help, appealing under the preamble to its Charter which promises self-determination to all peoples.

In this country some people wonder why the Cypriots asked for union with Greece, a country which, since the war, has been ruled by reactionary governments.

But the Cypriots are living under a brutal alien dictatorship. For nearly 25 years they have not had even an advisory voice in their own government. The government of Greece is at least no worse a dictatorship, and it is Greek, not alien.

In the second place, the Cypriot and Greek democrats are convinced that together they can end dictatorial rule in Greece and establish a democracy covering both the mainland and the island.

As the Cyprus Working People's Party said last August when they faced repression:

"Let us address ourselves to the United Nations, to all governments and peoples, to the government and opposition in Britain, to MPs and journalists, leaders of the church and the bar, to millions of British workers and to working people throughout the world."

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SECOND THOUGHTS

JUBILATION IN WASHINGTON and in the press over Monday's vote in Paris gave way within only 24 hours to second-thoughts filled with dismay.

This was even before any final vote on the Paris treaty. The second-thoughts were the result of the feelings and opinions openly expressed in France and in Western Germany itself: that Monday's vote in the Chamber not only did not represent France; it did not even represent the Chamber since only a minority of the members voted for German entry into NATO.

Even worse for the supporters of a Nazi rearmament was the widespread recognition that even this slim margin was obtained only by Washington's unprecedented pressure and interference in the affairs of various French parties.

The conclusion for the American people should be clear: the French people, like the people of Western Germany, are dead set against Washington's death-breeding plans. No matter what happens, they will not give up their fight against a new Nazi army and for negotiations with the Soviet Union. In this, they are working for peace not only for themselves but for us too. It is up to the American people to compel Washington to lift the relentless pressure which alone bars a peaceful settlement of the German question.

McCARTHY'S 1-DAY SHOW

IN ANNOUNCING another public witchhunt in the final two days before the new Congress meets, Sen. McCarthy is brazenly attempting to off-set the anti-McCarthy mandate of the elections and the censure by the Senate.

In typical McCarthy fashion, the grand finale of his sordid career as committee chairman will be in the service of General Electric, Westinghouse and Allis Chalmers, with workers of the plants of those companies scheduled to be the victims.

It would be wrong to conclude that McCarthy will necessarily be eclipsed or reduced to small stuff after the new Democratic Congress takes over. As is well known, he still has powerful support and will continue his menacing fascist role. Even more important is the fact that McCarthyism is far from dead despite some blows dealt against it in recent weeks.

McCarthy's 11th-hour performance should point up one of the principal tasks before the new Congress: the need to pick up where the Senate left off when McCarthy was censured.

McCarthy should now be compelled to testify on his financial dealings under pain of expulsion from the Senate; the announced move by Sen. Case to bar McCarthy from all committees should be supported; the plans of Democrats like Rep. Walter to conduct their own McCarthy-style witchhunts should be blocked.

The CIO's proposal for a joint Congressional judiciary committee investigation of the infraction of civil liberties and of witchhunt legislation passed in the last 40 years with the view of limitations on thought and speech, should be immediately taken up. The need for an investigation and study by a committee which would be of the stature of the LaFollette Committee of the thirties, has long been felt. The labor movement should be behind this demand with full vigor in the spirit of the CIO's convention resolution that said, "Now is the time for a counterattack on the civil liberties front."

JIMCROW HOUSING

AT ITS MEETING last week, the Board of Education confessed that school segregation exists in our city, and that it flows mainly out of the segregation in housing. The Board set up a special commission to see what can be done about this school jimcrow which violates the word and the spirit of the Supreme Court desegregation decision.

But while one city agency undertakes to combat this un-American practice, another kowtows to it. We refer to the disgraceful action of the City Planning Commission in cutting out public housing projects in Astoria because white-supremacy realty interests opposed it.

The action is a shocking retreat from recent legislative actions both by state and city bodies aimed at weakening the jimcrow structure in New York housing. In effect, it counteracts and evades these laws.

It is up to the citizens of the city to get Mayor Wagner to compel the Planning Commission to reverse itself. We need further assaults on housing jimcrow in New York, not retreats before its advocates.

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AT THE BOTTOM of the new crisis in the National Maritime Union and the flareup of internal strife to a new intensity, is the struggle for jobs. In fact it is basically an extension of the struggle that culminated in last summer's election for officers.

The earlier struggle was sparked by charges that some of Curran's close associates, notably treasurer M. Hedley Stone, fanned racial strife with stories that "there are too many Negroes" in the union. It was even brought out by Curran's opponents, that the FBI and Army Intelligence entered the picture with an investigation (with the help of the NMU's Washington representative) on the extent of the influx of Negroes and Puerto Ricans into the industry allegedly because the government questioned the "loyalty" of such seamen. It was also brought out that a job-selling racket was in operation with John T. Hunt, New York Port Agent (now out on bail) as its kingpin.

The job-sellers concentrated on victimizing Negroes and Puerto Ricans by charging them exorbitant fees, often for doubtful jobs. Then these same partisans of Curran spread stories (helpful to the FBI) that non-whites were entering the industry illegitimately.

THE ATTEMPT in that situation was to shift attention from the basic programmatic fight for more jobs in the maritime industry, and lay blame on the "too many Negroes" or Puerto Ricans. But not a hint came from Joe Curran or his lawyer Herman Cooper, of the big project in their plan when and if their ticket wins in the election.

The anti-Curran opposition piled up a substantial minority, about 40 percent on the key race for treasurer. But a Curran victory would have been out of the question had this group honestly and frankly told the mem-

World of Labor

by George Morris



Struggle for Jobs Basis of Fight in NMU

bership what they intended to do after the election.

Apparently Curran and Cooper kept the plan to themselves even from such close collaborators as Stone and vice-president Adrian L. Duffy. Those two parted with Curran on the issue that is now tearing the union apart.

THE FIGHT FOR JOBS has sharpened in the weeks since the election, and some of the officials are undoubtedly beginning to realize they are sitting on an active volcano. In the brief period from Aug. 15 to Nov. 23, 43 more U. S. flagships were transferred to foreign registry and 2,000 more seamen's jobs were lost. In the months ahead some 75 more ships, with 3,500 jobs lost, are slated to be transferred. And there are already two or three union seamen on the beach for everyone working.

But Curran's mysterious behavior baffles his own followers. Last November he initiated a move for extension of shipping registration cards from the present three months to six months, which would have the effect of keeping more people on the job list.

His proposal was voted down in referendum in most ports by an overwhelming majority. In New York it was 840 to 34. That gave Curran clear indication that he certainly cannot carry a refe-

rendum on the more serious issue of in effect giving up the union-controlled rotary hiring hall and opening the gates to 10,000 non-union seamen for direct union-sponsored competition with the regular union seamen for the declining number of jobs.

THE ISSUE is as follows:

Curran suddenly came forth with a report, spread across the Nov. 25 issue of the NMU Pilot, in which he said attorney Cooper advised him that "he could go no further in delaying action" on compliance with a National Labor Relations Board order that the NMU stop "violating" the Taft-Hartley Law provision barring the closed shop and alleged discrimination against non-union seamen. The club over the union's head were the cases of some 200 non-union seamen who brought charges of unfair labor practices on the ground that they are discriminated against in hiring in the industry because shipowners get their men through the NMU's rotary hiring hall.

On the basis of Cooper's advice, Curran asked the union's national council, and obtained approval, immediately to open the union's shipping list to all "qualified" seamen whether union or not, and at the same time to open the union's membership books to non-union sea-

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TODAY ABROAD

by John Pittman

The UN Re-evaluated— Asset or Liability? (2)

LAST SUNDAY the congregation of the New York Cathedral of St. John the Divine heard a remarkable address from the Very Rev. Dr. James A. Pike. The Protestant Episcopal prelate denounced the agreement between U. S. military authorities and the regime of Spain's fascist dictator which would place U. S. citizens in Spain under Roman Catholic law in matters of marriage.

Dr. Pike said the agreement was an attempt "to sell down the river our most precious heritage, our religious freedom." He attributed it to a policy of political expedience, a policy of appeasing Spanish fascism.

"Our Christian convictions should cause us to choose principle rather than short-range advantage," Dr. Pike said. Then he developed this point in a criticism of the Eisenhower Administration's policy in respect to the United Nations.

Speaking of the Eisenhower delegation's opposition to the resolution adopted by the 9th Assembly for continuing a commission to study racial conflict in the Union of South Africa, Dr. Pike declared as follows:

"The Christian principles at stake were defended by votes of the Communist countries and of the Moslem countries, while not one leading Christian country was found to support the resolution. Our nation in the votes on the several propositions of the resolution vacillated between voting against and abstaining."

"We leave it to atheistic materialists and to Moslems to sustain the Christian principle of

the equality of all men regardless of race or color, whereas we—with our burgeoning religiosity—do all we can to impede the proclamation of this principle, presumably because of some short-range advantage in our diplomatic relations with the Union of South Africa."

YESTERDAY this reporter called your attention to how the Eisenhower Administration's policy of cold war expediency violates the letter and spirit of the UN Charter, undermines the authority of the UN organization, and, in addition, strengthens those circles in our country which hope to destroy the UN altogether.

Dr. Pike's address draws attention to the viewpoint of another section of our population, the dominant majority section, which believes in the principles of the Charter and wants those principles realized in practice.

This American majority comprises people of every class, creed, nationality, language, race and political grouping. Its most articulate spokesmen are usually religious leaders, such as Dr. Pike and O. Frederick Nolde of the International Affairs Commission of the Council of Churches. On Dec. 3 this paper published a report of Mr. Nolde's appeal to the National Association of Manufacturers' 59th annual congress for peaceful competition with the Socialist world.

Farm and women's organizations have also called for strict adherence to the Charter. And organizations affiliated to the American Association for the

United Nations have generally stood for these principles.

But this support for the UN Charter has been sporadic, unorganized, and weakened by acceptance of some cold war premises. It is therefore largely ignored by the Administration and its delegation.

These deficiencies of the supporters for the UN Charter leave the Knowland-McCarthy anti-UN circles the sole powerful pressure group on UN affairs. And in consequence of this, the Administration feels free to intensify its cold war policies and further to undermine the UN organization. Again it becomes clear that McCarthy cannot be defeated with McCarthyism.

THIS SITUATION is tailor-made for trade union initiative. By making the cause of the UN Charter principles their own, by fighting vigorously to defend them, the trade unions could organize and direct the massive popular support for the UN in our country. They could contribute magnificently toward the preservation and strengthening of the world organization.

And since our national interests, as well as our Constitutional guarantees to life and liberty, are promoted by strict observance of the UN Charter, such trade union initiative would serve the best interests of the American people.

Yet, we find that the trade union leadership is also up to its ears in cold war ideology and expediency. The foreign policy resolution of the CIO, adopted at its recent Los Angeles convention, does indeed single out Knowlandism as the present chief war threat to our national

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Apologize for Redbaiting CIO Packinghouse Union

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Publishing the texts of a banker's and a paper's retractions of redbaiting attacks upon the Sioux City local of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers, the international union's official organ declared editorially that the "red scare" has been deliberately built up as a weapon against unions.

The current issue of the Packinghouse Workers runs a photostatic copy of a letter by banker Conrad E. Aronson to UPWA District 3 director Russell Bull retracting without reservation his widely publicized statement before the Des Moines chapter of the American Institute of Banking.

Aronson is assistant cashier of the Toy National Bank of Sioux City. He had said Local 70 of UPWA was dominated by a "Communist minority group" that was responsible for the Cudahy Packing Co.'s recent decision to move its plant from the city.

Aronson's charge, although repudiated with his personal apology to the local three days later, nevertheless provided headlines in many newspapers, including the widely-

read Des Moines Register. But following Aronson's retraction, the Register said in an editorial:

"The painful object lesson from this incident is that it is dangerous and unwise to make statements or implications which are not based on solid facts of knowledge."

The Chronicle, of Hampton, a small town near Sioux City, whose editor has recently engaged in a campaign of red-baiting sniping at the UPWA, also ran a retraction in the Dec. 2 issue and says the paper "regrets using such original misinformation."

The editorial in the Packinghouse Worker observes that the "McCarthys and Nixons" have no "parent rights on the technique of the irresponsible 'red' smear." The paper says the "home grown dabblers in the art of red-baiting mili-

tant trade unionists are a problem too."

Noting that even retractions do not wipe out the damage done by such attacks, the editorial goes on:

"The original sin, however, must be laid at the door of those in high places who have built up the 'red scare' into such fantastic proportions that gossippers are able to make headlines out of their irresponsible chapter."

"We in the UPWA have long held that the purpose of those who have set out to blow the 'red menace' into such absurd proportions has not been to fight communism so much as to harass and paralyze labor unions and their progressive forces whose militant policies may conflict with the wishes, shall we say, of bankers or Republican newspaper publishers."

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(Continued from Page 4) self Nimmo, had to express his admiration of Smolikoff, and refused to go along with any "force and violence" accusation against the CP.

Invent South Plot

Another aim of the Velde Committee was to magnify the "subversive menace" in Florida and create the impression of a south-wide network. For this purpose they brought out the proud possessor of a long string of convictions for drunkenness and various forms of violence—Ralph V. Long—who testified against Sam Hirsch, director of a fine legitimate theater in Miami (now closed down due to bad publicity). Hirsch was recently indicted for perjury by Brautigam's grand jury for denying he ever was a Communist.

In the course of Long's extensive rambling, covering "red" influence in the army, etc., he did his best to smear and involve in the Hirsch case the name of the young southern working-class leader, Junius Scales, who had just been arrested under the Smith Act.

One of the main purposes of the Velde inquisition in Florida was to undermine trade unionism. This they tried to do not only by grilling trade unionists from Tampa, Winter Haven and Miami, but also by piling accusations of force and violence upon Charles Smolikoff, former labor leader.

Though it is some six years since Smolikoff was active in the labor movement, his militant leadership and his devotion to the best interests of the workers have made his name and reputation a legend among trade unionists. The memory of his leadership is a thorn in the side of big money interests like duPont and the Chamber of Commerce who are attempting to bring industry to Florida on the basis of low wages, undeveloped labor organization and the state "right to work" law. The big citrus interests, too, who are moving fast toward monopolization and expansion of processing and allied industries, stand to benefit by a cowed and unorganized working class. So Velde and lame-duck Clardy gave them a big assist by pouring their "force and violence" venom upon the name that is most prominently associated with labor's most important advances in the state.

Negro Issue

And the final major aim of the Velde Committee was to help the Administration's effort to smash the influence of the CP among the Negro people as a step in stalling enforcement of the Supreme Court decision against school segregation. For this purpose they trotted out James Nimmo, a former laundry union organizer. In the course of his testimony, in spite of him-

self Nimmo, had to express his admiration of Smolikoff, and refused to go along with any "force and violence" accusation against the CP.

But he denied the Communist Party's sincerity and effectiveness in struggles for Negro rights.

Many people remarked about Nimmo's opulent appearance and his recent purchase of a dry cleaning shop and a home in Carver Ranch after leaving his job in the laundry union. It was also noted with some surprise that he had been subpoenaed by Brautigam, but when he used the Fifth Amendment and was cited for contempt, somehow this citation did not result in a jail sentence. Furthermore, he has been heard to boast of his cooperation with the FBI. This virtue has obviously been well rewarded. But his people, the Negro people, will look with a jaundiced eye upon the mess of McCarthyite pottage he has settled for in exchange for a heritage of honest struggle for his people's freedom.

A conspicuous omission by the Velde Committee was its failure to persecute the Jewish Cultural Center, although the initial announcements of the committee's forthcoming invasion as far back as last August stated that the Jewish Cultural Center was to be its main target. The consensus here is that the anti-Semitism displayed by Brautigam brought down upon his head so much local and national protest that Velde thought it best to avoid of such an accusation.

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CIO LUMBER UNION COMMITTEE BACKS WAGE FINDING

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—The northwest policy committee of the CIO International Woodworkers of America yesterday approved the raise of 7.5 cents an hour recommended by the seven-man fact-finding commission of the governors. The recommendation grew out of the 12-week strike of 60,000 CIO and AFL lumber workers last summer.

The AFL's Northwest executive committee will meet Jan. 5 on the recommendations.

Ocean Striptease

LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 29.—Police demanded that 60-year-old Alfred Pattavino explain why he was so indiscreet as to swim in the surf in his long underwear. "What's wrong with that?" Pattavino asked indignantly. "Do you expect me to freeze to death in that cold ocean?"

GOP in Albany Sets Up Policy Committee

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Republican legislative leaders set up a seven-member policy committee here yesterday to formulate strategy for the 1955 Legislature which meets next week.

The committee, composed of two members of the GOP majority in the Senate, three from the Assembly, plus state chairman L. Judson Morhouse and newly-elected Attorney General Jacob K. Javits, mapped plans to counter Democratic proposals.

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(Continued from Page 5) security. But it then falls into the trap of trying to fight Knowland with Knowlandism. Its recommendations and program are oriented against the fictitious "Communist menace," which is of course the major premise from which the Knowland attacks on peaceful co-existence take off.

Similarly with the AFL foreign policy program adopted last September. It pays lip-service to the UN Charter and offers some sound recommendations for making the UN effective on colonial issues. But this is wholly negated by its demands for militarization, regional war alliances directed against the Socialist states, and destructive revision of the UN Charter.

Such an approach naturally offers no challenge to the Democratic Party leaders' bipartisan position in respect to the UN.

Such is the problem confronting the majority of our countrymen who want a stronger UN, a UN able to solve the questions of peace-or-war confronting mankind.

The struggle to move the trade unions into active support of the principles of the UN Charter holds the only solution to this problem, in this reporter's opinion. This struggle, in turn, is part of the bigger struggle to end the cold war, and to bring the Administration to recognize the possibility and inescapable necessity of peaceful co-existence.

For the cold war, we repeat, is incompatible with the UN. This world organization can thrive only in the soil of peaceful co-existence.



BARBER SHOP CUSTOMERS CONTRIBUTE TO 'WORKER'

"Hope this \$6 helps put the campaign over . . . our third since the drive opened," writes a couple in contributing to the \$60,000 D. W. fund campaign. This is among many received last week and not yet acknowledged.

From a fur worker who had previously sent along \$15 collected in a barber shop, there was another \$16 collected among fur workers, friends of the paper. And another \$5 came from a group of Brooklyn young people.

Eastern Penna. supporters send \$6, one of which is from a reader who was "deeply touched by your article on Israel Amter," the Communist leader who died recently.

"Greetings to a fighting newspaper from old friends," says a message accompanying \$35. A Chicagoan sends \$15 on a coupon

book, and promises we'll hear from him soon again. From Baltimore there is \$5, with the wish it were five thousand. And from the Calumet area of Illinois comes \$2 from a worker who has contributed earlier.

Several regular contributors send \$1 each, and from San Francisco there is another \$5 from a supporter who sends his fives, tens, fifteens and twenties at frequent intervals.

A Brooklynite ex-seaman sends \$10 with an apology it was not sent earlier. Another regular Brooklyn contributor says, "Two more bucks for a paper we can't do without." And from the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn comes yet another \$5, and "the best of luck" from people who have sent several contributions earlier.

There is \$7 from Camden and \$3 from Newark; Chicagoans send \$2 and \$5.35; \$15 comes from Worcester, Mass.; and another \$10 from Schenectady, in behalf of Dave Platt. A Brooklynite sends along \$20 from Rodney.

A group of dry goods workers in the distributive trades sends \$10, and there is \$5 from shoe distributive workers. A group of Brighton friends sends along \$20 and there is \$10 from Staten Island. Still another group of distributive workers in Manhattan sends \$12.

Then there is another \$50 from Sally Kanter, our dynamic office worker who is convalescing after an operation. She has thus far collected \$153 from friends who have visited her in the hospital and at home. This latest \$50 is for Abner Berry.

A Jeff School student sends \$10 for Pittman.

There is \$50 from Jackson Heights, Queens, \$25 from Pelham Parkway in the Bronx; one \$20 and three fives from the upper west side in Manhattan; \$14 from a Rockaway group; \$20 from an east side friend; \$25 from Inwood parents for Rodney, and \$5 Christmas present from an Inwood couple for Rodney; a Manhattan old-timer contributes another \$20, again for Rodney; 11th A. D. friends in Brooklyn who have been doing a good job send another \$10; and there is still another \$10 from "30-year reader."

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Movies, TV and...

by david platt

Robeson Sings in Ivens Movie

We have had a couple of stories in the column this year about the new documentary movie Song of the Rivers which Joris Ivens directed and the World Federation of Trade Unions sponsored.

Here are some more details about the picture which I have just received from a friend in Paris who was closely connected with its production.

"For the first time I believe," he writes, "the colored people of Africa are shown as human beings, as workers—exploited but fighting back as trade unionists. There's a wonderful jungle sequence: a tomtom arouses the population of a village; they gather, listen to a speaker and elect a delegate to the Vienna congress of world trade unionists. Speaking generally, the most impressive material stems from the colonial and semi-colonial countries.

"I think you are familiar with the credit list. Ivens (maker of Spanish Earth, China's 400 Millions, New Earth, Indonesia Calling and Peace Will Win) directed the film and collaborated on the story with the French writer Vladimir Pozner who also wrote the commentary. The music is by Dmitri Shostakovich who used some material from his Fifth, Seventh and Tenth Symphonies and wrote in addition an original score which is an event in itself. It includes two new songs—one sung by a choir. As for the other—The Song of the Rivers written by Bertolt Brecht—it has been translated into English by the American novelist Lloyd Brown (author of Iron City) and is sung magnificently by Paul Robeson. Thus Robeson's voice will be heard round the world, since the film is being dubbed in 18 languages (so far!) including Arab, Japanese, Persian, Czech, Polish, English, Russian, Spanish, Chinese and of course French. The poster for the film which will be used internationally is being made by Pablo Picasso. Truly an international film.

"I feel that this is Joris Ivens' best movie and probably the greatest documentary ever shot. To be more precise, it opens a completely new approach to the documentary field in more ways than one."

The Hitler gang is coming back into power with the help of Washington. And Variety Magazine's Munich correspondent tells of a new pro-Hitler night club act which has appeared in that city.

"At Gisela's, an avant-garde student hangout in Schwabing—the Greenwich Village section of the town—an unannounced entertainer stepped upon the platform and did an imitation of Hitler. He vocalized the sound of goose-stepping Nazis, the crowds' applause, the introduction by Goebbels. The Hitler bit was in no way a ridicule or sarcasm: it included a garbled few words about the greatness of the country in a voice accurately simulating the dictator."

What is tragic about this new development is this: "The act received standard applause from the student crowd, most of them too young to have experienced much of the Hitler regime."

That regime was responsible for the horrors of Belsen, Auschwitz, Maidanek and all the other persecutions and murders committed by the kind of Germans who are now being groomed for who knows what murderous jobs under NATO.

These are the real horrors of the age and you'd think the producers would be interested in filming and televising them for the whole world to see what war leads to. But no! They seem to be more interested in advertising the fictitious horrors of Orwell's "1984" and "Animal Farm."

"The NATO meeting in Paris," said the London New Statesman & Nation was far more horrific than Orwell's nightmare but "the BBC diverts our emotions with fictional fears. We are to be shocked by the Orwellian fantasy of what life might be like under Big Brother into believing that reliance on the H-bomb and the A-bomb is a sensible way of keeping Big Brother at a distance."

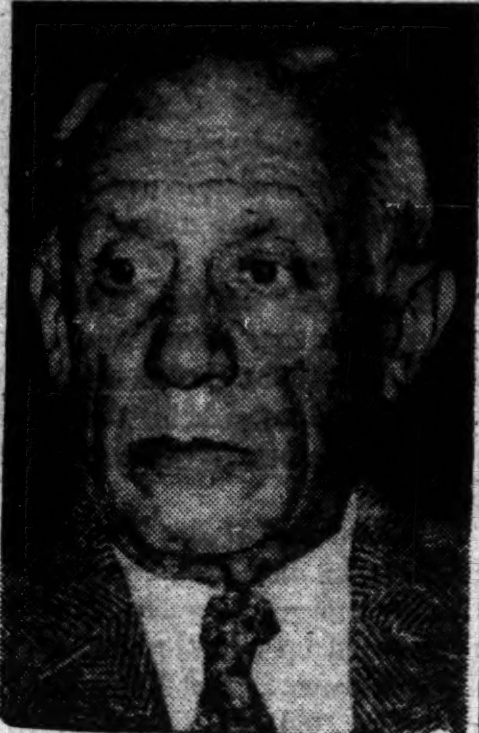
That was a lively performance of Royall Tyler's 167-year old American comedy The Contrast which "Omnibus" televised on CBS recently.

This is the only one of Tyler's dozen or so plays that has survived and it's easy to see why: The hero is a returned soldier of the Revolutionary Wars who is proud that he is an American. This was the first American play in which this sensational new idea was expressed—and expressed strongly and with sincerity.

The play's conflict stems from the hero's clashes with a hater of democracy who sneers at anything that smacks of this new outlook on life and in the end when he is exposed for the scoundrel that he is he leaves in a huff but not before delivering this parting insult: "You are nothing but an unpolished, untravelled American."

David Alfaro Siqueiros, who after Diego Rivera is the best known living Mexican muralist, answers four questions concerning the development of Mexican art in the Winter issue of New Frontiers, Canadian quarterly published at 153 Dunn Ave., Toronto, Ontario.

Don't miss our list of Ten Best Films of '54 coming up in The Worker on Sunday.



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Dinah Shore (4) 7:30
Groucho Marx (4) 8
Justice (4) 8:30
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Movie: Man Who Lost Himself (2) 11:15
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Ernie Kovacs (5) 11:15

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Edward Murrow, news WCB 7:45
Jack Gregson WABC 8
Suspense WCB 8
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Bing Crosby WCB 9:15

MOVIES
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Aleko and Life of Chekhov (Russian) Stanley
Gate of Hell (Japanese) 50th St. Guild

This Is Cinerama, Warner
A Star Is Born, Victoria
The Big Day—Jacques Tati (French) Normandie
Aida—opera on film (Italian) Little Carnegie
High and Dry (British) Art, Gramercy
Mr. Hulot's Holiday (French) Beverly
Little Kidnappers (British) Trans-lux 72nd
A Nous La Liberte (1931 French revival) 8th St., Midtown, Beekman
UPA Cartoon Festival, Thalia

DRAMA
Sandhog—A Ballad in Three Acts, Phoenix
Paul and Ruth Draper—Bijou
Wedding Breakfast, 48th St. Theatre
Twelfth Night—Shakespeare, Jan Hus Auditorium
Way of the World by Congreve, Cherry Lane
Comedy in Music—Victor Borge, Golden
Kismet, Ziegfeld
Importance of Being Earnest—Oscar Wilde, Provincetown Theatre, Fri.-Sat.-Sun. only.
Ibsen's A Doll's House, Club Theatre, 52 E. 78 St. Sat. and Sun.
The Dybbuk, 4th St. Theatre, 83 E. 4th.
An Ideal Husband—Oscar Wilde, Royal Playhouse, 63 E. 4th St. Tuesday through Sunday nights
A Christmas Carol—Dickens, Greenwich Mews Children's Theatre. Final matinee today.
What Every Woman Knows, N. Y. City Center Theatre

Talks Continue in Pittsburgh Store Strike

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 29 (FP).—Piecemeal settlement of the strike against five department stores here, more than 13 months old already, continued as three AFL unions returned to informal talks with management.

The teamsters and two other unions have already settled and the long dispute is considered to be in its final stages. The three unions which have returned to negotiations are the garage employees, the carpet and drapery workers and the retail clerks. Six other small unions are also involved.



Miracle Needed to Make Hate Film Acceptable

If the sponsors of the proposed new version of "The Birth of a Nation" can produce a film based upon Thomas Dixon's novel, "The Clansman" which will be "palatable to American Negroes in 1955" they will have performed a "miracle," Roy Wilkins, NAACP administrator, said in a letter to Ted Thal who, with Phil L. Ryan, heads the West Coast syndicate which has bought the film rights to the story.

In response of an earlier telegram protesting the remaking of the notorious anti-Negro film, Mr. Thal had indicated that a new script would be written and suggested a conference at a later date with the NAACP West Coast representative. While agreeing to such a conference, Mr. Wilkins informed Mr. Thal that "our discussion with you would not be upon the basis of modification, but on dropping the project altogether."

It is difficult, the NAACP executive said, "to see how the picture could be made without incorporating its principal theme which is the inherent inferiority of the Negro and his unfitness to be regarded as a man. The original novel and the script made from it have no story to tell except this one. The Klan is glorified as the answer to the Negro's attempt to assume the status of a man and a citizen with the rights, privileges and dignity of other men. The Negro is depicted as an ignorant, depraved animal. The Klan is held up as the proper weapon with which to control, if not exterminate, this animal."

Because Mr. Thal was reported to be a distributor for the Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corporation, Mr. Thal's connection with the glass company.

"We are sure that you can appreciate our desire for accurate information as to the sponsors of this proposal before we proceed in our efforts to discourage by all lawful means the remaking of this notorious anti-Negro, pro-Ku Klux Klan film," the NAACP executive said in a letter to Mr. Thomas.

EXCITING CLARINET WORKS AT MUSIC SCHOOL CONCERT

By BEN LEVINE

The Metropolitan Music School's 20th anniversary concert at Town Hall Tuesday evening offered a rich and varied program that included Nadyne Brewer's lovely voice, Ray Lev's satisfying piano, Leon Temerson's violin and Stanley Drucker's marvelously skillful clarinet.

Three works by contemporary Romanian composers made the evening especially notable. One of these, called Suite No. 2 for piano and clarinet by Paul Jelescu, was given its first American performance. It draws on modern technique and Romanian folk tunes to create exciting combinations for the clarinet and piano, which Ray Lev and Stanley Drucker executed with amazing virtuosity and sincere feeling.

The clarinet has the greatest variety of any of the wind instruments, and this sonata uses most of its possibilities. Drucker made it whistle like a piccolo, growl like a tuba and sing in the tender "lento rubato" part of this interesting sonata.

These two performers also gave a well-rounded romantic rendering of Schuman's Phantasiequicke, and then got together with Leon Temerson, the violinist to give a

lively rendering of a work by Joel Sacks, a 14-year-old pupil of Ray Lev's. This was listed as "Allegro con spirito from a Concerto Grosso for piano, violin and clarinet," and it is a very pretty piece of music.

The other Romanian works were a Suite by Ludovic Feldman, more obviously based on folk tunes than the Jelescu work, and a melodious sonata by Enesco, both of which were given their first American concert hall performance.

Nadyne Brewer, young Negro soprano, won sustained applause for her Schubert songs and for her folk songs and spirituals. Her singing of Schubert's "Nacht and Traume" was especially moving. She also drew on Romanian music for a lively song by Brediceanu. Her final number, the Negro spiritual, "Witness" was delightful. Miss Brewer's accompanist, Carol Hollister added to the enjoyment.

This rich musical evening, which began with a Mozart piano and violin sonata, ended with a Suite for Violin, clarinet and piano by Milhaud which was surprisingly tuneful for this severely modern musician. Or perhaps it was the skill of Ray Lev and Stanley Drucker that made its delicate harmonies and melodies so transparent.

Polish Scholars In Tribute to Aristophanes

WARSAW, Dec. 29.—The Polish Academy of Sciences has completed a two-day session devoted to the work of Aristophanes, the Greek comic dramatist and poet who was born approximately 2,400 years ago. The session was held under the auspices of the Academy's Committee on Classical Studies.

Papers read at the meeting included Tadeusz Sinko's on the "Laughter of Aristophanes in Modern Europe," Prof. Wiktor Steffen's on the "Role of Caricature in Aristophanes' Comedies," and Dr. Gabriela Pianska's on "Aristophanes as a Musician."

A highlight of the sessions was the presentation of fragments from the dramatist's comedy, "The Peace," in a Polish translation by Prof. Stefan Srebrny of Copernicus University in Torun. The reading was arranged by the Warsaw branch of the Polish Philological Society.

It was also announced that the

State Publishing House will issue Aristophanes' complete works. It has already published "The Birds" with a foreword by Prof. K. Kumaniecki of Warsaw University. Another of the comedies, "The Frogs," will be brought out shortly.

Works by other great writers of ancient Greece have been published in Poland in the past few years. Among them are Sophocles' "Antigone," "Oedipus," and "Electra," translated by Professor Srebrny; two editions of Aeschylus' "Tragedies"; a collection of Theocritus' "Idylls," translated by A. Sandauer; selections from Plutarch's "Lives" and "Opera Moralia," translated by Professor Brozek of Krakow University; and Herodotus' "History," translated by Prof. Seweryn Hammer of Krakow University.

In addition to the publication of Professor Sinko's translation of Homer's "Iliad" and "Odyssey," a prose version of the latter, prepared by Jan Parandowski, has also been issued.

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British Gov't Admits NATO Loophole Lets Bonn Get A-Bombs

By SAM RUSSELL

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Spokesmen of the Foreign Office in London this week virtually admitted that the alleged controls on West German rearmament in the Paris agreements are a sham. They indicated that there is nothing to stop the West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, and his Hitler generals evading all the "controls" by getting prohibited arms manufactured in Spain, South America or any other country outside of the Atlantic Pact.

The Foreign Office tried to evade the issue by claiming that no Government could control what its nationals do in another country.

It also claimed that the Dornier planes being built in Spain are being manufactured by a Spanish firm.

When I pointed out that this firm was controlled by such "Spanish" firms as Junkers, Focke-Wulf, Messerschmitt and Heinkel, there was no reply.

LOOPHOLE

A foreign Office spokesman said that the British Government had no intention of trying to close the loophole in the "controls," disclosed by the manufacture of Dornier planes in Spain, by approaching the Adenauer Government for further guarantees.

This shows up the sham of the much-boasted "undertaking" given by Dr. Adenauer in the Paris agree-



ADENAUER

ments not to manufacture atomic, chemical or biological weapons, long-range missiles, strategic bombers or warships over 3,000 tons.

In this "undertaking," Dr. Adenauer declared "that the Federal

Republic undertakes not to manufacture in its territory, any such weapons.

By including the phrase "in its territory," Adenauer — with the consent of the British Government — specifically gets the chance of manufacturing such weapons outside West Germany.

A FREE HAND

So that apart from West German aircraft firms being free to manufacture what planes they like outside West Germany, West German atomic organizations have also a free hand.

Attention to this danger was drawn by Lord Stansgate in the House of Lords, but the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Lord Reading, dismissed it as "an extremely exaggerated view."

All that Lord Reading was prepared to do was to "bear it in mind."

"It is useless for Lord Reading to bear anything in mind unless he does anything," said Lord Stansgate.

"The provisions of the Versailles Treaty, which we thought were complete, were evaded in this way."

Auto Workers Fight Speedup Pressure of Big 3 Output Race

DETROIT, Dec. 29.—A strike situation that has been temporarily settled at the Chrysler automotive Mack plant and a pending strike against speedup at Ford's Lincoln plant in Livonia are examples here of the seething discontent of members of the CIO United Auto Workers.

At Chrysler automotive plant at Mack Avenue, a strike took place Monday because grievances remained unsettled from the 178 grievances of a month ago that almost shut down all the Chrysler body plants. The strike was staged by 42 grinders on the day and 25 on the afternoon shift. The com-

pany shut the plant down and idled 15,000 in its Detroit plants.

Late Monday Ken Morris, president of CIO Local 212, ordered the strikers back, stating that the strike was unauthorized.

A meeting of all Chrysler leaders of the union was held yesterday at Solidarity House to discuss the situation in the Chrysler plants caused by the breakneck race for production by Ford, Chrysler and General Motors.

At Ford's Lincoln Mercury plant a union leaflet by Local 900 declares that there are approximately 50 unsettled grievances on speedup that the union says must be thrashed out or strike action will ensue. A strike vote, backed overwhelmingly by the members of Local 900, was taken on Dec. 12. Negotiations on this tense situation are reaching the round-the-clock stage.

To Build New Hall

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29 (FP).—Construction of a new \$300,000 hall for the Sailors Union of the Pacific (AFL) here is scheduled to begin early in 1955. Second floor of the building will include 12 apartments for retired seamen.

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Truck Drivers In Midwest Ask Wage Raises

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Two hundred thousand truck drivers in 12 mid-western states are demanding raises of 25 cents an hour and other improvements in their contracts.

The pacts with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters expire Jan. 1 and Feb. 1. The earliest expiration affects 25,000 truck drivers in Chicago.

The bulk of the affected workers are under a three-year contract with mid-western over-the-road truckers in 12 states. Their three-year pact expires Feb. 1.

The union is also demanding pension and welfare plan improvements.

The demands in this era follow the recent settlements by the IBT for raises of 25 cents an hour in the New York-New Jersey area and for higher boosts in the Philadelphia area.

Dog Wetnurses for Tiger Cubs Sought

EDINBURGH, Scotland, Dec. 29.—Zoo authorities here advertised this week for female collie dogs to wetnurse three new-born tiger cubs.

Begum, the Zoo's tigress, gave birth to six cubs during Christmas week, but she can nurse only three of them. Past experience with similar problems indicate collies make the best foster mothers.

What's On?

Coming

CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE—Dance and Entertainment, Fri. Eve. Dec. 31, 8 p.m. Otis McRae and his Union Band presented by Peoples Artists. Buffet Supper. Brighton Community Center, 3300 Coney Island Ave. Subs. \$1.25 in advance, \$1.50 at door.

on the SCOREBOARD

by lester rodney

Variety . . .

THE KNICKS blew a 19 point lead over Philly with 16 minutes to go because Coach Joe Lapchick, an able coach in every other way, keeps asking too much of his six best players, who are also the best group in the league. In the speeded up game with the 24 second rule especially, the good coach is the one who takes the calculated risk at the start of the season and develops his bench. The Knicks played marvellously in rolling up their lead, and then without real rest just caved in. It will happen again and again until Lapchick realizes this is a 9 and 10 man game now and no 5 or 6 can win.

The Yanks still have their hand in the gravy bowl at Kansas City, though they moved their minor league farm team out. Del Webb, one of the Yankee owners, has the lucrative contract of rebuilding the ballpark for the Webb Construction Company. Was this part of their agreement to OK Kansas City as a big league entrant?

You named 9 Big Ten players on the Cleveland Browns, a reader asks, but how about the Lions, after all they were the champs two years running, how does the Big Ten power provider theory hold up with them? Answer—not so well as on the Browns, a check shows. I find 5 Big Tenners on the runner-ups, Hoernschmeyer of Indiana, Girard of Wisconsin, Bingaman of Illinois, Gandes of Ohio State, Dibble of Michigan State. The southwest didn't do badly by the Lions either, with Walker of SMU, Layne and Sewell of Texas, Box of West Texas state, Carpenter of Arkansas.

Yes, Willie Mays IS getting a little tired of baseball, baseball, baseball. He said so the other day. He intends to knock off his Puerto Rico play in mid-January, which will give him about 6 baseball-less weeks out of 52 before spring training starts. Sure, it might affect his 1955 play. Remember the intense season he put in, climaxed by the World Series. And the Puerto Rico League demands good baseball. No relaxing there.

Willie was still leading the league in batting last time we looked. Second best hitter was the surprising young Roberto Clemente, a Dodger bonus player plucked gleefully off the Montreal roster in the draft by Branch Rickey for Pittsburgh as number one choice. The Dodgers thought his deceptive batting average for part season play there would "cover him up." Cerv of the Yanks, though not hitting for the average, is leading the home run hitters. Sam Jones of the Cubs is the runaway best pitcher with 9 victories and 125 strikeouts. To give you an idea, the Giants' Ruben Gomez has won 7 and fanned 65. Did Cleveland make another mistake in letting Jones go? Paul Richards estimates the trading of Minoza cost them three pennants.

ONE OLD ARGUMENT you never hear any more is whether the top college football team could beat the pro teams. It is obvious nonsense. Not even the wildest Ohio State or UCLA fan would claim their team could stay within reasonable distance of the least successful pro teams like the Chicago Cards, Washington Redskins, which are composed of ALL former college greats, improved and matured.

The TV camera's telescopic lens sure can put the spot on an official. Watching the Brown-Lion game on the screen, you see the key early break when Horace Gillom went back to punt with the Lions ahead 3-0, and as he got the kick off clearly and unmistakably saw the Lion player barge into him. With millions seeing it, imagine the howl which would have gone up if the "roughing the kicker" penalty hadn't been called.

The baseball moguls who think they heard the last of the players' request for a raising of the minimum salary to \$7,200 are in for an unpleasant surprise. The players are determined to push this, and have so informed their player representatives, who will put it right back on the table soon, along with a chart showing the rise in the cost of living bases on 1946. The players succeeded in rallying public opinion to their side last year in winning the pension fund fight after the disgraceful attempt by the moguls to scuttle all previous agreements and grab all the new and growing TV Series revenue for themselves.

PICK UP around the tourney and at the writers' luncheon: Ken Loeffler of LaSalle: "How good is Tom Cola? The greatest basketball player ever." As for the college ranks today, "After Cola I would like to have Sihugo Green before anyone else in the country."

Loeffler says Cola was strictly a pivot man in high school, and when he changed him, people berated him as a dumb coach for not playing the 6-7 star in the pivot. "Sure," says Ken, "Cola would have become the greatest pivot player, but now he is the greatest all around basketball player. He had the ability to do everything, why limit him?"

Some coach says people object to his zone, but some thought has to be given to slowing up the game. You make them run, run, run, he said, why not give thought to slowing it up, returning the scores to a more reasonable level. "You can have the 110-105 games," he said, "I don't want to see them. But I'm just a voice crying out in the wilderness."

Johnny Wooden of UCLA: "Cola is worth going across the country to see. There's nobody like him. My boys and myself were also greatly impressed by Si Green. He is also worth going a considerable distance to see."

Asked about Morris Taft, who pumped in 22 points to lead the opening win over Niagara with an amazing jump shot, Wooden said he has been uncanny with the shot in practice, and he sure was glad to see him hit with it that often in a game. Taft, he said, runs the 100 in 9.8 and is also a broad jump and high jump star.

Taps Gallagher of Niagara took the defeat by UCLA with real grace. "UCLA is a fine team which highlighted some of our weaknesses which we'll have to work on," he said, refusing to alibi.